

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39-E), for approval of the 2006 – 2008 Energy Efficiency Programs and Budget.	Application 05-06-004 (Filed June 1, 2005)
Southern California Gas Company (U 904-G) for approval of Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs and Budgets for Years 2006 through 2008.	Application 05-06-011 (Filed June 1, 2005)
Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E), for Approval of its 2006 – 2008 Energy Efficiency Program Plans and associated Public Goods Charge (PGC) and Procurement Funding Requests.	Application 05-06-015 (Filed June 2, 2005)
San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902-E) for Approval of Electric and Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs and Budgets for Years 2006 through 2008.	Application 05-06-016 (Filed June 2, 2005)
Application of Southern California Gas Company (U 904 G) for Approval of Low-Income Assistance Programs and Budgets for Program Years 2006 and 2007	Application 05-06-012 (Filed June 1, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES' RULING GRANTING
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
COMPLETE THE NOTICING OF APPLICATIONS OUT OF TIME**

This ruling grants Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas) motion for leave to exceed the 45-day time limit for notifying customers of two rate change applications: Application (A.) 05-06-015 and A.05-06-012.

By captioning the above proceedings, we do not intend to consolidate them—they are only listed to indicate that SoCalGas' motion was filed in both application dockets, and that we will serve this ruling on multiple service lists, as described below.

Background

Through various rulings and orders, the Commission directed SoCalGas to submit on June 1, 2005, two applications seeking approval of various programs and associated budgets for California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and low income energy efficiency (LIEE) initiatives, A.05-06-012, and "standard" energy efficiency (EE) programs, A.05-06-016. Given the limited space in SoCalGas' billing envelope, SoCalGas sought and received permission from the Commission's Public Advisor's Office to consolidate these two notices into one.

SoCalGas' Motion

On July 8, 2005, SoCalGas filed a motion for leave to exceed the 45-day time limit for notifying customers of the two rate change applications ("motion") as required by Rule 24 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

SoCalGas explains the grounds for the motion as follows:

"After SoCalGas began the Rule 24 noticing process, company personnel discovered that the rate change tables describing both applications reflected outdated low income and energy efficiency information. The table and text in the EE application (A.05-06-016) and the text in the notice describing the changes are correct. Only

the tables in the EE notice are out of date. With respect to the low income filing (A.05-06-012), however, the tables in both the low income notice and application incorrectly state that the rate impact for natural gas vehicles is zero. In fact, the impact on natural gas vehicles is a rate reduction of less than one percent, i.e., -0.7%. SoCalGas intends to file an errata to the rate table in its low income application.

“When SoCalGas became aware of the errors, the company immediately discontinued distributing the notices and contacted the Commission’s Public Advisor’s Office for guidance. The Public Advisor approved a corrected notice on June 24, 2005 (see Attachment).

“As of today, SoCalGas has published the revised notice in the requisite newspapers in its service territory and is well on its way to re-noticing customers through bill inserts. The company expects to complete all Rule 24 requirements by approximately July 28 2005 -- roughly 14 days longer than permitted by the Commission rules.”¹

Because the applications in question are being handled in different proceedings, SoCalGas served copies of its motion on two separate service lists: (1) the consolidated proceeding for the EE applications (A.05-06-004 et al.) and (2) the low-income rulemaking, Rulemaking (R.) 04-01-006, because there is no official service list for A.05-06-012.

Discussion

In light of the fact that the EE application contains the correct text and tables, and the correction to the low income applications is negligible, we find

¹ Motion of SoCalGas, p. 2.

that interested parties will not be harmed by the relatively short delay sought by SoCalGas.

We also find that SoCalGas has properly served copies of its motion, and similarly serve today's ruling on the services lists in A.05-06-004 et al. and R.04-01-006, as described in the attached certificate of service.

IT IS RULED that the Motion of SoCalGas dated July 8, 2005 is granted.

Dated July 12, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MEG GOTTSTEIN by LTC
Meg Gottstein
Administrative Law Judge

/s/ STEVE WEISSMAN
Steve Weissman
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served the attached Administrative Law Judges' Ruling Granting Southern California Gas Company's Motion for Leave to Complete the Noticing of Applications Out of Time on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by electronic mail and also on R.04-01-006, by electronic mail to those who provided electronic mail addresses, and by U.S. mail to those who did not provide email addresses.

Dated July 12, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TERESITA C. GALLARDO
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